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TAGS: SOPN, SHUM, UR, US

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S PLANNED JULY 4 ADDRESS ON SOVIET TV

1. AFTER EMBASSY RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FOR THREE-MINUTE SLOT FOR AMBASSADOR TO ADDRESS SOVIET PUBLIC DURING EVENING TELEVISION NEWS PROGRAM JULY 4 (AS WAS DONE IN 1975 AND 1976 BY AMBASSADOR STOESSEL), AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANIED BY CAO AND IO WENT TO TV STUDIOS MORNING JULY 4 FOR TAPING.

2. DURING PRELIMINARIES TO TAPING SESSION, SOVIET TV OFFICIALS VOICED OBJECTIONS TO SEGMENT OF AMBASSADOR'S TEXT REFERRING TO HUMAN RIGHTS. SOVIETS UNWILLING PROCEED WITH TAPING ON BASIS AMBASSADOR'S PREPARED TEXT (COMPLETE VERSION OF WHICH SENT USINFO). AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT AS U.S. AMBASSADOR SPEAKING TO SOVIET AUDIENCE ON AMERICAN NATIONAL HOLIDAY, HE COULD NOT SIMPLY IGNORE THE MAIN THREAD OF CURRENT AMERICAN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT HIS REMARKS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THAT U.S. ITSELF IS NOT ALWAYS ABLE TO LIVE UP TO ITS OWN IDEALS AND THAT TEXT COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE CONSTRUED BY ANY OBJECTIVE OBSERVER AS CRITICISM OF THE SOVIET UNION. HOWEVER, SOVIETS DID NOT BUDGE AND TAPING SESSION WAS "POSTPONED". EFFORTS DURING REMAINDER OF DAY TO RESOLVE ISSUE AND RESCHEDULE

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TAPING PROVED FRUITLESS (FULL REPORT BEING SENT SEPARATELY).

3. COMMENT: BELIEVE RESIDENT U.S. CORRESPONDENTS WILL QUICKLY NOTE ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR'S ADDRESS FROM ANTICIPATED TIME SLOT. WHEN APPROACHED BY CORRESPONDENTS, WE INTEND TO RESPOND FACTUALLY. SINCE COPIES OF AMBASSADOR'S ADDRESS WOULD NORMALLY BE PROVIDED TO CORRESPONDENTS AS A MATTER OF COURSE, WE PLAN HAVE TEXT (AS

PREPARED FOR DELIVERY AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. ADDITIONALLY,
WE ARE ADVISING VOA VIA USINFO TO GIVE AMBASSADOR'S ADDRESS
WIDE PLAY ON RUSSIAN AND OTHER LANGUAGE SERVICES BROADCASTING
TO SOVIET UNION.
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